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Due July 9: natural resource projects for RAC funding

(Laramie, Wyo.) June 21, 2010 -- Local natural resource project proposals seeking funds through the MedBow-Routt Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) are due July 9. Funding is available for projects that will enhance forest ecosystems or restore and improve land health and water quality on the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests and other near-by lands in Albany and Carbon counties in Wyoming, and Routt and Jackson counties in Colorado. The funding is provided through Title II funds of the Secure Rural Schools Act.

The RAC works closely with the Forest Service to recommend projects that will benefit Forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintain roads, trails, and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds. The Forest Service is accepting applications on behalf of the RAC. Please call 970-870-2187, or email dritschard@fs.fed.us to have project proposal forms sent to you. The proposal forms are not complex.

Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations.

The RAC will begin reviewing projects for possible funding during the next few months. The public is welcome to attend the RAC meetings. The next RAC meeting is July 22, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Forest Service Office in Steamboat Springs, 925 Weiss Drive (across from the Holiday Inn on US 40). For more information about the Secure Rural Schools Act, please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/srs/>

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